WHEREAS, We have been endowed by our Creator not only with the blessings and benefits of our animal friends who provide us clothing, food and pleasure in life, but also with a firm responsibility to protect the dumb creatures given us as a sacred trust, and to show kindness and mercy to them in all our affairs; and,

WHEREAS, The people in the State of South Dakota are deeply indebted to the animal anti-cruelty control and welfare agencies for the invaluable contribution they make each year in educating our children in humane principles, and in promoting a true working spirit of kindness and consideration for animals in the minds and hearts of all our people; and,

WHEREAS, We recognize the timeless value of the teaching of kindness to our young people through humane education, and realize that out of kindness to dumb creatures grows kindness and love for both man and God; and,

WHEREAS, The first full week of May has been set as the annual celebration of the national week observing the philosophy of kindness to animals:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-8, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and do heartily commend to all our citizens a full participation in all of the events related thereto in this State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 29th day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

R. F. Kneip

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE

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